(c) Company-wise imports of drugs are not monitored.

(d) to (g) The prices fixed by the Government for indigenous production under the Drugs (Prices) Control Order, 1979 are the maximum sale prices. Manufacture can sell at any price not exceeding the sale price. While instances of lower than Government notified prices have come to the notice of the Government. Details of purchases of other 2 drugs at prices lower than Government notified prices are not available. The process of recovery of the difference between the two notified indigenous price and the price of procurement in cases that came to the Government's notice is on in accordance with the due procedure of Law.

**Non-verification of purchase invoices of bulk drug**

978. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of 75 per cent of drug formulations have been fixed based on higher prices of bulk drugs than the actual purchase and procured price of each bulk drug;

(b) if so, names of such instances which came to Government's notice;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government do not verify the purchase invoices while fixing the prices of finished medicines;

(d) whether it is a fact that consumer's interest has been ignored and formulators have made huge unintended benefits due to non-verification of purchase invoices;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government have not been able to deliver the benefit of pricing policy to public as there is no separate Development Commissioner for the last three years; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a), (c) and (d) The prices of formulations are worked out by a sub-committee of the Drug Prices Review Committee constituted in the Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices. This Committee sends its recommendations to my Ministry from time to time. In working out the prices of formulations, the Committee takes into consideration notified prices of bulk drugs and/or purchased import price whichever is relevant.

(b) Several instances of formulators procuring the bulk drug at prices lower than those notified by the Government have come to notice. In a large number of these cases, the prices of recovery of the difference in accordance with the due procedure of Law is on.

(e) and (f). As the prices of bulk drugs and formulations are recommended to my Ministry by the Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices, which is an Expert Body. It cannot be said that benefit of pricing policy has not gone to the public. Price control has helped to moderate the prices of drugs.

**Price Fixation of Drug**

979. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to provision 6 of DPCO, 1979, it is mandatory for every importer of bulk drug specified in first or second schedule to make an application for price fixation of drug;

(b) whether it is a fact that during the last three years, no importer applied for price fixation,

(c) whether it is also a fact that information in regard to such imports are available with drug authorities at port offices; and

(d) if so, names of importers who imported drugs for sale purposes during the last three years, year-wise alongwith quantity imported by each, CIF Price per kg. and source of import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Only those importers who import bulk drugs for sale are required to get their sale prices fixed under Paragraph 6 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(b) Some applications were received.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The number of importers who imported bulk drugs for sale during the last three years run into several hundreds and collection of the voluminous details that have been asked for would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

**सौन्दर्य प्रसाधनों का मनमाने तौर पर कीमत निर्धारण**

980. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक** : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जड़ी बूटियों वे आयुर्वेदिक नुस्खों से तैयार होने वाले प्रसाधनों का उत्पादन करने वाली फर्मा द्वारा मनमाने ढंग से कीमत निर्धारण करने से उपभोक्ताओं को होने वाली कठिनाईयों को खत्म करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं ; और

(ख) क्या किसी सरकारी एजेन्सी द्वारा इन उत्पादों में प्रयुक्त होने वाले पदार्थों तथा उत्पादों की शुद्धता के बारे में कोई परीक्षण किए जाते हैं ?

**औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम्)** : (क) सौन्दर्य प्रसाधनों पर मूल्य नियंत्रण नहीं है ।

(ख) जी हां, औषधि और सौन्दर्य प्रसाधन अधिनियम 1940 और उसके अन्तर्गत बनाए गए नियमों के अधीन सरकार द्वारा विधिवत नियुक्त विश्लेषकों द्वारा उत्पादों की जांच का प्रावधान है ।

**दिल्ली तथा राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र के शहरों के बीच संचार सम्पर्क**

981. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक** : क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली और राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र में आने वाले शहरों के बीच संचार संपर्क में सुधार करने की परियोजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

**संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा)** : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) एन०सी०आर० योजनाओं को अंतिम रूप दिया जा रहा है ।

**Production of drug**

982. SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR Will the Minister of **INDUSTRY** be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1269 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th August 1985 and state:

(a) whether Thiacetazone, PAS and its salts and procaine are considered most essential Drugs and are covered under Category I of Drugs (prcie Control) Order, 1979;

(b) what are the reasons of shortfall in the production of these drugs by Biological Evens, Wander and Hoechst;